Chamber of Commerce and Industry on "Power Scenario in the Northern Region" for their Managing Committee contains certain suggestions, which have already been made from time to time, with a view to bringing about an improvement in the power sector. These include adequate availability of finances and expertise, setting up of large capacity super thermal power stations at Coal pitheads, transmission of power to the load centres over E H V transmission system, effective operation and management of the regional grid, upgradation of transmission and distribution system, re-allocation/absorption of excess man-power elsewhere, improvement of hydel-thermal mix and encouragement for private participation in the power sector. These suggestions have not been formally conveyed to the Department of Power. However, a number of long term and short term measures have been/are being taken to bring about improvement in the power sector.

Import of Anti-TB drug Intermediates

2997. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the drugs and drug intermediates used for the producion of anti-TB drugs Pyrazinamide, Ethambutol and Rifampicin imported during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the name of each intermediate, quantity imported by each company of each intermediate alongwith the names of the parties and the CIF price at which each was inported by each party?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Names of intermediates used in the production of the referred anti-TB drugs are given below:—

Pyrazinamide	—	Methyl Pyrazine, Pyrazine Monocarboxylic Acid.
Ethambutol	—	DL2 Aminobutanol
Rifampicin	—	3—Formyl Rifamycin SV, Rifa-S.

Import of drug intermediates by individual companies is not monitored by this Ministry.

Working out of recoverable unintended benefits

2998. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question No. 2042 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court had restored the undertaking given by his Ministry; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons that the amount due in respect of formulations of bulk drugs involved have not been worked out by the special team except in the case of Ethnor and John Wyeth?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) My Ministry had not given any undertaking to the Supreme Court.

(b) The amounts recoverable from the companies have been calculated with reference to the prices of bulk drugs wherever prices of formulations have not been fixed under the provisions of DPCO, 1979.